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Docket No.: S/267 DIV



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Daniel Aeschlimann et al.  
Application No. : 10/680,000  
Confirmation No. : 4529  
Filed : October 6, 2003  
For : FUNCTIONALIZED DERIVATIVES OF HYALURONIC ACID,  
FORMATION OF HYDROGELS IN SITU USING SAME, AND  
METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SAME  
Group Art Unit : 1623  
Examiner : Leigh C. Maier

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Examiner's February 24, 2006 office action. A response was due by May 24, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). With the extension, a response is due by June 24, 2006, which falls on a Saturday, such that the response is due by June 26, 2006.

The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper, and applicants' remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.